

## Re: \*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\* Re: Documents and Settings Problem

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**From:** Rick \ (rick\_at\_mvps.org)

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Hi,

That's because you cannot delete the last administrator account. It's a built-in safeguard.

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Best of Luck,  
Rick Rogers aka "Nutcase" MS-MVP - Windows  
Windows isn't rocket science! That's my other hobby!  
<http://mvp.support.microsoft.com/>  
Associate Expert - WinXP - Expert Zone  
[www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone)  
Win98 Help - [www.rickrogers.org](http://www.rickrogers.org)  
"shapiro" <ryan\_sharp@REMOVETHISclearDOTnetDOTnz> wrote in message  
news:upsRkduIEHA.700@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
> thanks for your speedy information. I tried to delete the account but  
> windows wouldnt let me, which is good.  
> I am discovering that managing users can be very tricky and frustrating. I  
> kept logging on to my name to find that my documents were still in the  
> "owner" folder.  
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> "Ramesh [MVP]" <sramesh2k@\REMOV\_NOSPAM\hotmail.com> wrote in message  
> news:elyHT8tIEHA.364@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...  
> As suspected, it can either be the default Administrator account or an  
> Admin-level user account.  
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> Here is a method from MVP Doug Knox to test it:  
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> <quote>  
> The Owner is an Admitrator level account, that is usually created on an  
> OEM  
> system by default. This may be the name that the OEM gave to the built in  
> Administrator account, as well. The way to test this is:  
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> XP Pro:  
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> Press CTRL-ALT-DEL twice at the welcome screen, with no users logged on.  
> You  
> will see the older Win2K style logon. Type in Administrator and leave the  
> password box blank.  
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> For XP Home, boot the computer into Safe Mode (See Help and Support). You

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> should now see Administrator listed on the Welcome Screen as well.  
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> If neither of these applies, then your OEM has probably renamed the  
> built-in  
> Administrator Account.  
> </quote>  
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> If the OWNER account is not the Administrator (built-in), you may go ahead  
> and delete it. Otherwise, please don't.  
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> Ramesh - Microsoft MVP  
> Windows XP Shell  
> <http://www.mvps.org/sramesh2k>  
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> "Ramesh [MVP]" <sramesh2k@REMOV\_NOSPAM\.hotmail.com> wrote in message  
> news:u0SmyxtIEHA.1528@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
> Apologies! I suspect Owner is the default Administrator. DO NOT delete  
> this  
> account. The built-in administrator account will hide itself once a  
> admin-level account is created. And, please wait for Rick's answer, he may  
> straighten this up for you. Sorry.  
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> "Ramesh [MVP]" <sramesh2k@REMOV\_NOSPAM\.hotmail.com> wrote in message  
> news:#BjxhxtIEHA.520@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...  
> Yes, you can. But wait for sometime; if all is OK with the newly created  
> account, delete the old one.  
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> Ramesh - Microsoft MVP  
> Windows XP Shell  
> <http://www.mvps.org/sramesh2k>  
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> "shapiro" <ryan\_sharp@REMOVETHISclearDOTnetDOTnz> wrote in message  
> news:#7cJUqtIEHA.3128@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...  
> Thanks, but once that is done, can the owner folder be deleted safely? I  
> do  
> not want a redundant icon on the home screen  
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> "Ramesh [MVP]" <sramesh2k@REMOV\_NOSPAM\.hotmail.com> wrote in message  
> news:u8EVXltIEHA.2656@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...  
> As Rick said, create new user profile and transfer the data to new  
> profile.  
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> Create a duplicate user profile with a different name - Windows XP:  
> <http://www.mvps.org/sramesh2k/dupprofile.htm>  
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> Ramesh - Microsoft MVP  
> Windows XP Shell  
> <http://www.mvps.org/sramesh2k>

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> "shapiro" <ryan\_sharp@REMOVETHISclearDOTnetDOTnz> wrote in message  
> news:#VOLnbtIEHA.2596@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...  
> Hi,  
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> I have been having some problems with the naming of users folders. A few  
> days ago I installed XPhome onto a new machine. I kept the default "owner"  
> name. I created two other users also. Now I would like to change the  
> "owner"  
> to my name on the C: drive.  
> I did this, and it created a whole new user, and when I logged on I didnt  
> have my documents, they were still in the owner folder, which I thought I  
> had renamed.  
> I had to do a system restore to fix this. What is the proper way to change  
> the folder name, without stuffing up all my logon and document navigation.  
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> Thanks  
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